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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY VISIT

1. DEPARTMENT INFORMED BY FAA THAT AN FAA CIVIL
AVIATION SECURITY OFFICIAL PLANS TO VISIT MOSCOW TO
ASSESS U.S. FLAG AND FOREIGN AIR CARRIER SECURITY
PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES (PAN AM AND AEROFLOT). VISIT
IS PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 1978.

2. FEDERAL AVIATION REGULATIONS ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PUBLIC LAW 93-366 OF 1974 REQUIRE FOREIGN AIR
CARRIERS CONDUCTING SCHEDULED FLIGHT OPERATIONS TO U.S.
TO PROVIDE SECURITY PROGRAMS EQUIVALENT TO APPROVED
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U.S. AIR CARRIER PROGRAMS. ACCORDINGLY, FAA IS REQUIRED
TO INSPECT U.S. FLAG AIR CARRIER OVERSEAS STATION
SECURITY PROCEDURES AND AT SAME TIME OBSERVE FOREIGN
AIR CARRIER SECURITY PROCEDURES ON FLIGHTS TO THE U.S.
(AEROFLOT).

3. TO FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT, FAA SECURITY REPRESENTA-

TIVE PLANS DISCUSSION WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AS
FOLLOWS:

EMBASSY OFFICIALS INCLUDING THOSE KNOWLEDGEABLE OF AREA

SECURITY WHICH COULD IMPACT ON CIVIL AVIATION, HOST
GOVERNMENT CIVIL AVIATION SECURITY COUNTERPARTS,
APPROPRIATE AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND AIRPORT SECURITY
OFFICIALS, SECURITY OFFICER OF AEROFLOT, U.S. FLAG
CARRIER STATION MANAGER AND EQUIVALENT AEROFLOT OFFICIALS.

4. PUBLIC LAW 93-366 (ANTIHIJACKING AND AIR TRANSPORTA-
TION SECURITY ACTS OF 1974) MANDATED THAT FOREIGN AIR
CARRIERS OPERATING INTO THE U.S. ESTABLISH SECURITY
PROGRAMS EQUIVALENT TO THOSE APPLICABLE TO U.S. AIR
CARRIERS. THE FAA ADMINISTRATOR PUBLISHED CFR TITLE 14
SECT. 129.25 AND 129.27, IMPLEMENTING THIS PUBLIC LAW.
FAA, THEREFORE, IS OBLIGATED TO MEET WITH FOREIGN AIR
CARRIER OFFICIALS (AEROFLOT), OBSERVE THEIR SECURITY
PROCEDURES INVOLVING FLIGHTS TO THE U.S. AND ASSIST AS
APPLICABLE DURING EXCHANGE OF AVIATION SECURITY INFORMA-
TION. ADDITIONALLY, U.S. FLAG CARRIER STATIONS SECURITY
PROCEDURES MUST BE REVIEWED. THIS REVIEW WILL INCLUDE
DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING AVIATION SECURITY MATTERS WITH
PAN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES PLUS OBSERVATION OF SECURITY
PROCEDURES AT SHEREMTYEVO AIRPORT SPECIFICALLY RELATED
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TO PREBOARD SCREENING OF PASSENGERS AND CARRY-ON BAGS
DESIGNED TO PREVENT INTRODUCTION OF WEAPONS AND OTHER
DANGEROUS ARTICLES ABOARD PAN AM AIRCRAFT AND AEROFLOT
FLIGHTS DESTINED FOR THE U.S.

5. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS CONCERNING
PROPOSED FAA VISIT, INCLUDING TIMING AND EXTENT TO
WHICH IT WOULD BE FEASIBLE. VANCE

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